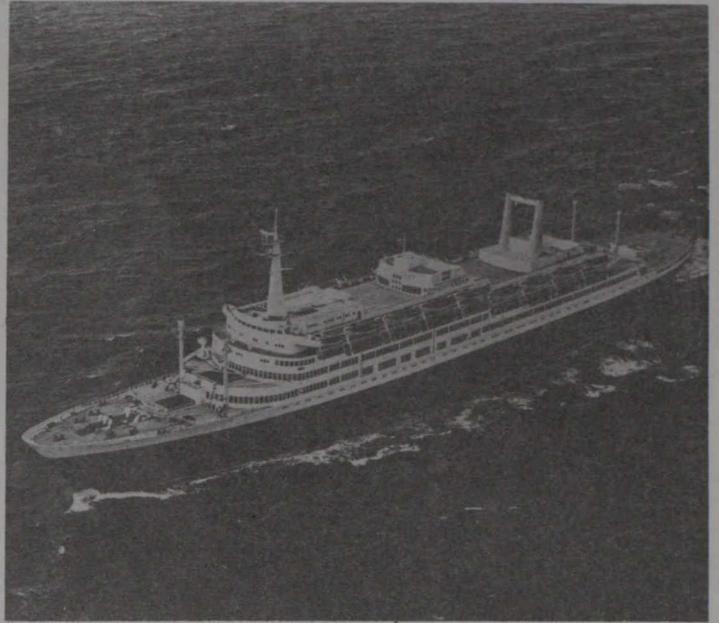
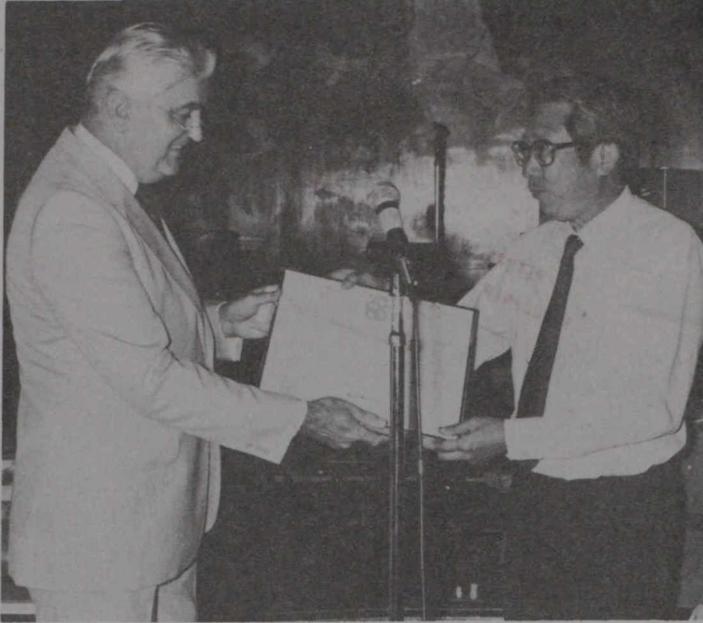


Expo 86 Previewed On Board Cruise Liner



Expo 86 was introduced to regional participants through a special exhibition on board the cruise liner Rotterdam at a number of ports including Singapore and Pattaya in Thailand. A preview of the World Exposition to open in Vancouver on May 2 was presented to a wide cross section of governmental, business, media and travel representatives. Mr Patrick Reid, Commissioner-General for Expo 86, makes a special presentation to Mr Lim Chin Beng, Singapore Commissioner-General at Expo.

Giant Puppets Enchant Singapore Audiences



Gandalf the wizard, Thorin leader of the dwarves and Bilbo the hobbit.

Montreal based company, Theatre Sans Fil, enchanted audiences at the Young People's Festival held in Singapore March 2-23, 1986. As one of two foreign companies participating at the Festival, the theatre group presented the famous fantasy tale "The Hobbit". This stage adaption uses giant puppets and specially commissioned music and lighting to recreate the magic atmosphere of this

remarkable tale. It features 48 puppets ranging in size from 4 to 12 feet high and combining styles from the most realistic of characters to the most imaginary beings who haunt the land of the Hobbit. All performances were sold out. Children particularly appreciated the opportunity to see and touch the puppets after the performance. The company had earlier played at the Hong Kong Arts Festival.

Royal Thai Ballet To Perform At Expo 86

It has now been confirmed that the Cultural Troupe of the Fine Arts Department, known on this occasion as the "Royal Thai Ballet", will perform in the "World Festival For the Performing Arts", to be held this summer in association with the 1986 World Exposition (Expo 86) in Vancouver, Canada.

The "World Festival" is an important component of Expo 86 in Vancouver which will showcase cultural achievements in the performing arts of participating nations, including Canada. The World Festival will give an international audience the opportunity to savour the unique cultural flavour of a wide range of world artists.

The 1986 World Exposition is the largest special world exhibition to be held in North America, and will be the most important international event to be held in Canada during the remainder of the twentieth century.

The "Royal Thai Ballet" consists of thirty-three dancers and musicians and recently performed abroad at Expo 85 in Japan. Ticket sales for the event have been so good that the Fine Arts Department has agreed to add two extra performances to their engagement. They will be appearing at the Queen Elizabeth Playhouse in Vancouver for five performances from July 22-26 1986.